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HELLO again, and a very warm welcome to Stockport County for what I'm sure will be an exciting match. Cup-ties are always extra special, with divisional differences between often counting for little as the added dimension of cup-fever motivates players to new heights. In tonight's match, we have to remember how last year we played above ourselves against Chelsea from the Second Division and Aston Villa from the First, and we will need to avoid the complacency which could let Stockport pull off their own minor giant-killing act.

We have had a fairly useful start to the season and I'm pleased that we are scoring goals. Unfortunately we are

also letting them in and I was obviously annoyed at Cardiff on Saturday when, having twice been in the lead, we let what I thought was inferior opposition come back and take all the points.

Goals certainly seem to be the order of the day this season, with a total of 189 being scored in the English and Scottish Leagues last Saturday. This can only be good for the game, but one thing which I believe is having a detrimental effect is the new get-tough policy of referees. They now seem to be going to extremes to clamp down on heavy tackling and whilst I can appreciate the demands for fair play, we have to realise, that professional football is a game played by strong mature men and not, with respect, by girl-guides.

At the moment we are paying the price for necessarily operating with a smaller squad than we would wish, with Mark Wignall and myself being out for some time and Graham Barrow, David Glenn and Peter Houghton all on the treatment table yesterday morning, we are suffering the kind of bad luck which, if compounded over the next few games, will certainly give us problems. The financial demands in football at the moment can be seen to give us headaches both on and off the field.

Finally, I would like to compliment the lads on the tremendous fighting spirit they showed last week against Bradford City. If we can continue to find those hidden reserves of strength and determination in the future, who knows where we will finish up at the end of the season.

Larry Lloyd.



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THIRD DIVISION

Round Up

by Harold Ashurst

THE talk going round the Third Division at the moment, even at this early stage of the season is: get your money on Portsmouth for promotion.

The Fratton Park club have dug deep into the treasure chest during the close season to buy players and they look to be reaping some early reward.

After thrashing Sheffield Wednesday 4-1 in the opening game of the season Pompey picked up their first away win seven days later with a 3-0 thrashing at Walsall.

A midlands colleague tells me: "Portsmouth looked a real class outfit, especially up front where Biley, their signing from Everton, looked really sharp.

"They tore Walsall apart and even though they are candidates for relegation this season the way Portsmouth tore into them suggests they are going to be the team to beat".

The season is over so soon for Walsall striker Ollie Kearns who was carried off against Portsmouth with a suspected broken leg.

The dispute at Lincoln between the players and directors, over a bonus scheme, which threatened at one stage to have serious repercussions throughout football, has, happily now been settled following the intervention of the PFA.

Concluding the news about pre-season

transfers involving Third Division clubs.

Paddy Roche (as Eamonn O'Keefe will testify) moved from Manchester United to Brentford on a "free" and Roche passed Paul Shrubbs! Brentford's defender who has set up roots in Aldershot . . .

Tony Mahoney also joined Brentford from Fulham, and scored against Latics.

Another player with a new club to score against Latics was Bradford's Ian Mellor, who joined them from Sheffield Wednesday while Dennis Peacock has left Bolton to join Doncaster.

Gary Pendrey has moved from Bristol Rovers to Walsall, while Reading have signed Steve Richardson from Southampton.

Rather a lot of activity, and it'll be interesting to see how the teams with large injections of new blood fare during the coming season.

The season could have been over already for Walsall striker Ollie Kearns who was carried off against Portsmouth with a suspected broken leg. Fortunately however, x-rays showed that it was only extensive bruising and he expects to be playing tonight against Preston North End.

Ollie formerly at Banbury and Reading is the brother of Mick the former Oxford United, Walsall, Wolves and Eire International goal keeper.

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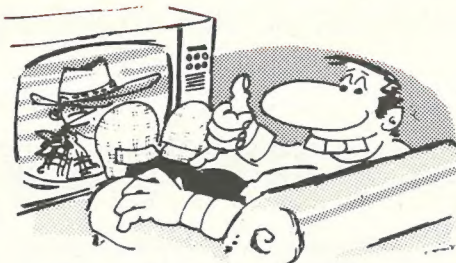
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COMING UP NEXT

Saturday, 18th September, 1982.

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Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

What the papers say...

Sunday Mirror

Wigan wobbled in the closing stages and allowed Cardiff two late goals for an unexpected victory.

The winner came just two minutes from time when Billy Woof positioned himself at the far post.

On trial with Cardiff, former Middlesbrough striker Woof rose high to meet a free-kick from John Lewis and head in the clincher.

When Wigan had full-back James Weston booked for a foul as early as the third minute, they appeared to be in some trouble.

But they settled quickly and Peter Houghton, the only survivor of Wigan's non-League squad, cashed in on a Cardiff defensive blunder to score from ten yards.

Cardiff came back in determined style but got little joy from a hard-working Wigan defence.

Finally, Cardiff's John Lewis showed them the way to find the net.

When David Tong played the ball back, Lewis crashed in a drive from fully 30 yards. Wigan lost Houghton, who limped off injured almost immediately

afterwards to be substituted by John Butler.

But this failed to upset the Wigan rhythm and, when Colin Methven praised the Cardiff defence wide open with a through pass, John Rogers took it in his stride to score from the edge of the box.

Cardiff certainly showed more enterprise after the break but still the tough Wigan defence held firm.

But then came the two late goals. The first was from Gary Bennett in the 74th minute when he ran through to score from ten yards.

And then came that sensational winner from Woof.

News of the World Woof Justice for Athletic

A goal two minutes from time by Billy Woof, making his debut for Cardiff, denied Wigan a point they had worked so hard to collect.

The 26 year old striker, on a month's trial at Ninian Park, had looked far from match fit, but he suddenly popped up to turn home a free kick by John Lewis and

sent the 3,850 spectators home happy.

Cardiff just about deserved to win an exciting, if unscientific match, twice coming from behind.

Wigan's first goal came after 15 minutes when Gary Bennett blasted an attempted clearance straight at Peter Houghton who gratefully drove the ball home.

City's equaliser had a quality touch to it when Dave Bennett laid the ball back to Lewis who fired in an unstoppable shot from 25 yards.

Wigan replaced goal scorer Houghton with John Butler after 25 minutes and regained the lead right on the interval.

John Rogers took a through ball from Colin Methven, turned Cardiff's Keith Pontin inside out and placed his shot.

The game could have been wrapped up five minutes into the second half when a 30 yard first-timer by Paul Lodge swerved against the inside of the far post.

But Wigan then seemed to lose their ambition and allowed the Welsh club back into the game.

Cardiff substitute Linden Jones beat off the off-side trap to give Gary Bennett a clear scoring chance for the equaliser.

What you say...

John Doyle of Skelmersdale. I think it was our worst game of the season, but we still looked as if we would win. The back four played really well, but we seemed to be ineffective in midfield. I think the Cardiff lad Bennett is really good.

Rob Smith, Aspull. What a

sickener. Whilst we didn't play well I thought we were going to coast to a win. When they equalised I thought we had thrown two points away. But when they scored just near the end I was sick. I know what the Bradford City fans felt like last week.

Stephen Evans of Cardiff. Wigan Athletic must be bad if you couldn't beat us lot. We were expecting to see a good Wigan side, but you didn't seem to play well. Your best player was the lade taken off injured (Peter Houghton).



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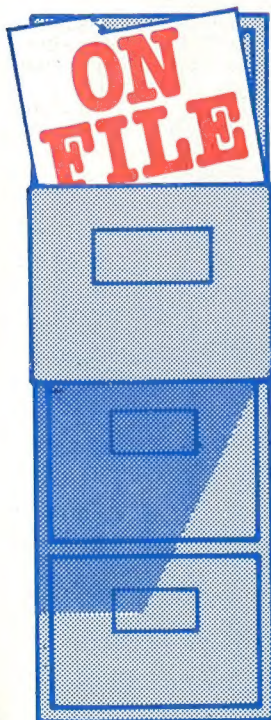
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and a year later the final attracted its first capacity crowd — and it has done ever since.

Last season the Milk Marketing Board agreed to sponsor the competition for a four year period — and very glad we are that they did as it adds extra revenue to League Clubs.

And now a quick word about the Bradford City game. As I stood at the entrance to the stand as we went 2-0 down, one irate Latics supporter stormed past me, recognised my blazer as making me an official, and proceeded to tell me, in words that cannot be repeated here, what he thought of the team. What I would have given to see his face when he got home to tell his wife we'd lost 2-0 when she had just heard that we had won 3-2. If you're reading this, sir, hard luck.

And to the lad in the stand who has a voice like an old man and who can always be heard shouting us on, a quick message — next time you want to scream at Larry Lloyd to take John Rogers off with five minutes to go, hold back! If you have trouble stopping yourself, maybe you can bite on your programme.

Cheers,
Colin Burke.



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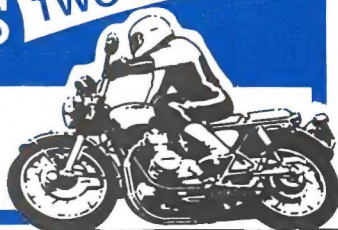
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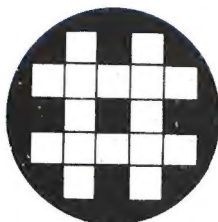
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PUZZLE PAGE



ON THE BALL No. 3

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.

A first time out; Promoted club in 1982; Butcher, maybe; --- Butler, BBC soccer man

CLUB CLUE No. 3

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a soccer side:

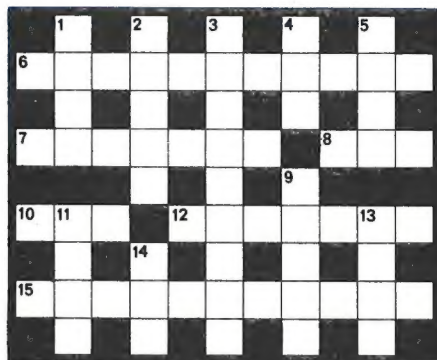
Does it belong to the Scots club on the island?

MIXED DOUBLES No. 3

Re-order the letters in each of the words **RAINS** and **NAVES** to find the names of two men called Tony.

QUICK QUIZ No. 4

- Who passed 300 successive League turn-outs in 1982?
- In 1974 Millwall staged the first League match to be played on a Sunday — who were the visitors?
- Which player scored the opening goal of the 1982 World Cup finals?
- Who was the Football League's top scorer in 1981/82?
- Which Scottish trophy/s did Rangers win in 1981/82?



SOCCER NINETY-NINER

No. 3 (compiled by David Peck)

ACROSS

- An ever-present for Arsenal last season (5,6)
- Battiston, Frenchman steamrollered out of the World Cup semi-final by West German keeper Toni Schumacher (7)
- Ashurst, for instance (3)
- The England international amongst 2 down (3)
- Rotherham's Merry grinders (7)
- Midfielder with two 'first' names and a mainly 1970s career which saw him splitting 300 appearances between Barnsley, Halifax, Darlington, Lincoln and Cambridge (5,6)

DOWN

- Goal --- (4)
- Four soccer brothers, of whom Jack set the Derby appearances record which recently fell to Kevin Hector (5)
- See 14 down
- Strange, famous old Sheffield Wednesday and England striker-turned-defender (3)
- City where you could see the national side at home in the Stadio Olimpico (4)
- This keeper was an ever-present for Swindon last season and took his appearances for them club past the 300 mark (5)
- Raisbeck, famous old Liverpool and Scotland stopper (4)
- It's Easter for Hibs! (4)
- & 3dn. In which you could see, for example, Scunthorpe or Sunderland (3, 9)

Answers on page 12.



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THE LOCAL VIEW



BY GEOFF KEMP

IF YOU think great comebacks are exclusive to Springfield Park, then you are wrong because Wigan Amateur League side Whelley make Latics comeback against Bradford City last week look rather tame.

Trailing 1-4 early in the second half to Orrell Celtic, Whelley, a team of vast experience, set about putting things right.

And they did just that! Cooper made it 4-2 before White, from a penalty, and Astle pulled back the required goals.

Still the drama wasn't finished. Orrell, reeling under constant attack, fell behind to two further Whelley goals and although Bowie made it 6-5 with five minutes left Whelley's exceptional comeback was complete.

Hindley Town picked up their first points of the season with a 2-1 win over newly promoted Lamberhead but there was little to choose between Ince PC and old rivals Greenough Street before "Street" added two second half goals without reply.

Former Latics centre-half Noel Ward is now performing heroics as a player-

manager of North West Counties Division Three side Ashton Town — in goal.

Noel, who saw his defence needed tightening up decided to go in goal where he could shout instructions and generally be a good influence.

The move certainly paid dividends as Town as now three matches unbeaten and fifth in the table.

Division Three is well blessed for local sides with both Wigan Rovers and Ashton Athletic featuring.

Both will be looking to improve on their current form which sees them in the bottom half of the league after just five games.

But there is still a long way to go.

Wigan Rovers Reserves, who dropped out of the Amateur League to join the Reserve Division of the NWCL, are finding the going tough.

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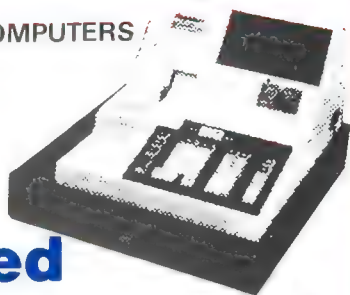
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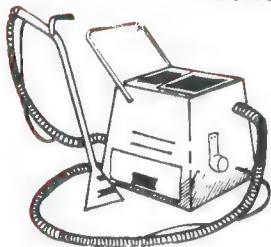
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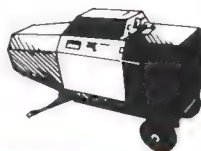
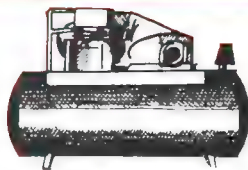
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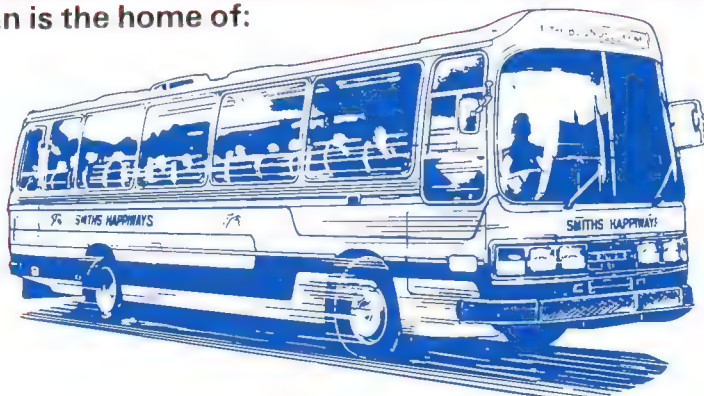
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Back Row (l to r): Howard Jones (Programme Editor), Terry McCreery (Chief Executive/Company Secretary), Andy Thorpe, Terry Park, Nigel Smith, Mickey Wardrobe, Brian Lloyd, Tommy Sword (Captain), Paul Bowles, Mike Quinn, Eric Webster (Manager), Chris Wych (Physiotherapist). Front Row: Oshor Williams, Trevor Phillips, John Rutter, Graham White (Director), Dragon Lukic (Director), Alan Kirk (President/Chairman), Josh Lewis (Director), Dean Emerson, Tony Coyle, Steve Sherlock. Photograph courtesy of Freelance News Pics.

TONIGHT we welcome Stockport County F.C. to Springfield Park for the Second Leg of the Milk Cup, First Round, having drawn 1-1 at Stockport in the First Leg. The game, will, no doubt, be an interesting encounter.

Stockport are a very old club — they were formed in 1883, turned professional in 1891 and became a Limited Company in 1908. They were elected to the Football League, Second Division, in 1900, but failed a re-election application in 1904. They were, however, re-elected in 1905 and remained there until the formation of Division Three North in 1921, when they were one of the founder members. Since then they have had spells in Division Two, Three and Four.

Their ground, known as Edgeley Park, is very well equipped with a large amount of seating accommodation. Their pitch measurements are 110 yds. x 75 yds. In 1934 they created a record, which is still unsurpassed in the Football League, when they defeated Halifax 13-0. Club nickname: "COUNTY".

BRIAN LLOYD (Goalkeeper) Born Rhyl 18.3.48. 6'1", 13st. 7lbs. Brian began his playing career with his native Rhyl, before joining County for a small fee in 1967. After making just over 30 appearances with County, he was signed by Southend United for whom he made 46 appearances in two seasons at Roots Hall. In August '71 he joined Wrexham and from 4th March, 1972, up to and including 20th August, 1977, he never missed a League game for the Welsh side. It was during this remarkable spell that Brian gained the first of his three Full International caps for Wales. Shortly after the start of the '77-78 season he joined Chester, before illness forced him out of the first team reckoning. He signed for County for the

second time in the close season of '81 after playing the latter part of the previous season on loan to Port Vale. Now in his second term back at Edgeley Park, Brian had the unusual distinction last season of scoring from his own penalty area in a League match at Bradford City.

JOHN RUTTER (Defender) Born Warrington 13.9.52. 5'9", 11 st. As a youth John represented Warrington and Cheshire boys and on leaving school was signed as an apprentice by Wolverhampton Wanderers, where he gained a regular place in the club's Central League side. In August '73 he left Molineux to sign for Bournemouth where he made just four appearances for the Dean Court side, before joining Exeter City in a £15,000 deal. Whilst with the St. James's Park side John made 32 appearances in the League before joining County on a free transfer in the summer of '76. An ever present in three out of his six seasons at Edgeley Park, John is currently the longest continuous serving member of the club's playing staff.

STEVE SHERLOCK (Defender) Born Birmingham 10.5.59. 5'9", 11st. 8lbs. A former Birmingham boys' player, Steve was signed by Manchester City as an apprentice during the summer of '75 and whilst at Maine Road he was a regular member of their Central League side. Gained a Central League Championship medal with City in '77-'78, before joining Luton Town in the close season of '78. Made only a handful of appearances whilst at Kenilworth Road, before joining County on a free transfer in August '79. In March '82 Steve was again voted the best left-sided defender in the Fourth Division by his fellow professionals in their annual Player of the Year awards, the

second year in successive years. League debut 18th August, 1979 v Walsley. Total League appearances: 126. Goals: 7. **ANDY THORPE** (Defender) Born 15.9.60. 5'11", 12st. Stockport boys' player. County whilst still at the club's U/18 and reserve teams. His Football League debut came in the '78 close season. Made 38 appearances in his first season at the club. One of only two players in the first team last season to have played for club members who were Stockport. Equally at home in defensive or midfield roles. Way to completing 200 appearances for club. League debut for County April, 1978 v Hartlepool. Total League appearances: 162. Goals: 2. **PAUL BOWLES** (Defender) Born 31.5.57. 6'1", 12st. Manchester boys' player. Came to County on an apprenticeship for Crewe Alexandra before making his first-team debut at home to Exeter City in the close season. Well over 200 games played for County. Transferred to Port Vale in the close season for a fee of £30,000. During the summer he appeared in 98 first-team games for County, which were last season's last. County on a free transfer to Luton in the close season. League debut for Luton to play. Total League appearances for Stockport County: Nil.

NIGEL SMITH (Defender) Born 22.4.59. 6', 11st. 21lbs. Playing career with County from 1976, but was not registered for the 1978-79 season. Towards the conclusion of the season he was invited back to Edgeley Park to be in the club's reserve side, but did not progress, so much so that he did not make his first-team debut in the season at York City. In the summer a considerable potential in him was signed as a full-time player in August '79, but almost immediately signed full time, he broke his season friendly game a few days later. Much for his spirit and determination he eventually fought his way back into the reckoning, where he made 10 appearances last term. Total League appearances for County: Monday, 14th February (Away) lost 0-1. Total League appearances for Stockport County: 34. **DEAN EMERSON** (Midfielder) Born 27.12.62. 5'8", 10st. 8lbs. Salford boys' player who

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a trial with Wrexham, before joining County
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After serving his apprenticeship for two
seasons in the club's reserve side. Dean
made his Football League debut for County in
February '82 at Bournemouth. Made such a
fine impression with everyone at Edgeley
Park during his first team spell, that he was
signed full-time professional during the close
season of '82. Was ever present in the side
after making his debut, completing 23 first
team games.

TERRY PARK (Midfield) Born Liverpool
7.2.57. 5'11", 11st. 10lbs. Terry began his
playing career with Wolverhampton
Wanderers, before joining County during the
summer of '76 on a free transfer. Made his
debut for the club as a substitute against
Brentford that August before making his first
full appearance away to Huddersfield Town a
month later. After two-and-a-half seasons at
Edgeley Park, Terry left County to join Fort
Lauderdale "Strikers" in the North American
Soccer League, in a £100,000 deal that
involved defender Ken Fogarty. During the
winter months of the '79-'80 season Terry
returned to County "on loan", before he
returned to the States to sign for Minnesota
"Kicks". It was from the "Kicks" that Terry
rejoined County on a free transfer towards
the end of the '80-'81 season. Was an ever-
present in the side last season. League debut
for County: Monday, 23rd August, 1976 v.
Brentford (Home) won 2-0. Total League
appearances for Stockport County: 144. Goals:
14.

OSHOR WILLIAMS (Forward) Born
Stockton-on-Tees 21.4.58. 5'9½", 11st. 7lbs.
Oshor is a former Darlington boys' player who
signed apprentice forms for Middlesbrough
in 1973 whilst still at school. Two years later
during the summer of '75, he signed for
Manchester United, but at the end of the
following May he returned northwards to
sign part-time professional for Gateshead in
the NPL. Soon after this he was spotted by
Southampton Manager Lawrie McMenemy
and offered a contract with the Saints. Made
his Football League debut whilst "on loan" to
Exeter City, before returning to the Dell. Made
six appearances for the Saints before joining
County "on loan" in August '79. It was during
this loan period that Oshor made such a big
impression on the Edgeley Park public, that
he was signed permanently the following
month in a £10,000 deal. Missed only one
match for the first team last season and was
voted the club's Player of the Year. League
debut for County: Friday, 31st August, 1979
v. Tranmere Rovers (Away) won 1-0. Total
League appearances for Stockport County:
109. Goals: 16.

TREVOR PHILLIPS (Forward) Born Barnsley
18.9.52. 5'6", 10st. 3lbs. Trevor is a former

Barnsley and Yorkshire boys' player who was
signed as an apprentice straight from school
by Rotherham United. Whilst at Millmoor,
Trevor gained England Youth honours and
was a member of the successful 1971 side
which won the International Youth
Tournament against Portugal in
Czechoslovakia. After well over 300 games in
the Millers first team, Trevor was transferred
to Hull City for £75,000 in June '79, before
joining Chester in March '80 in a £55,000
transfer. Unable to command a regular place
in the Sealand Road first team, Trevor was
"loaned" to County in March '82, before
signing for the club full-time during thje 1982
close season. League debut for County:
Saturday, 20th March, 1982 v. Mansfield
Town (Away) drew 2-2. Total League
appearances for Stockport County: 13. Goals:
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MICKY WARDROBE (Forward) Born
Newcastle-upon-Tyne 24.3.62. 5'11", 12st.
Mickey is a former Sunderland and Durham
boys' player, who as a 14-year-old signed
schoolboy forms for Burnley in October '76.
Signed apprentice at Turf Moor in the
summer of '78, after impressive displays in
the club's Central League side. In March '80
he signed full-time professional for the
Lancashire club before making his first
appearance in the Burnley front-line during
the club's 2nd round FA Cup Tie with Port
Vale in December of the same year. Made
only one appearance in the League for
Burnley, before he joined County on a free
transfer during the summer of '81. Made 11
appearances in the League for County last
term, his first at Edgeley Park. League debut
for County: Saturday, 29th August, 1981 v.
Blackpool (Away) lost 0-2. Total League
appearances for Stockport County: 11. Goals:
Nil.

MIKE QUINN (Forward) Born Liverpool
2.5.62. 5'11", 12st. 6lbs. Mike is a former
Huyton boys' player who began his playing
career as a schoolboy with Tranmere Rovers,
before joining Derby County as an apprentice
in July '78. After just over 12 months at the
Baseball Ground, Mike signed full-time
professional for Wigan Athletic in September
'79. Impressive displays in the Youth and
Reserve sides led to him making his Football
League debut against Halifax Town. He
celebrated his elevation to the first team that
day with one of "Latrics" three goals and
ended his first full season at Springfield Park
'80-'81 as top goalscorer with 14 League
goals. Unable to command a regular place in
their promotion side last season, Mike joined
the paid ranks at Edgeley Park in the close
season of 1982 on a free transfer. League
debut for County: Yet to play. Total League
appearances for Stockport County: Nil, Goals:
Nil.

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ROGERSONS

WELL! The seasons got away with a real bang. On Monday of last week, as most of you will know, we held our first meeting and the attendance was estimated by one person at around the 350 mark, (personally I think he must be more used to watching Wigan Rugby, because I'd put it lower than that, not much — but lower).

I won't need to go into details only to say that it was a fabulous night, the only disappointment being the non appearance of Larry Lloyd. We were delighted, however, to have David Glenn as guest of honour, who as usual threw himself into the meeting.

Soccer

On the football field the Junior Latics Under 12's continue to flourish. Last Sunday they played and beat Horwich St. Mary's 6-2 which makes it five straight wins for a very talented team.

The under 13's played their first league game on Sunday 5th September beating St. Jude's 4-0. All our under 13's home games are being played at Intex Sports and Social Club at Golborne. If you live in that area pop down, kick-off is 12.30 p.m.

On Wednesday the boys played Oughtrington from Lymm, winning 9-2, the best goal of an outstanding game coming from David Fields, one of our under 12's, from a twenty yard drive.

Coca Cola

The Coca Cola Super Skills start on Saturday. Just to repeat the details:-

New starters	9.00 a.m. — 10.00 a.m.
Red and Black Awards	10.00 a.m. — 11.00 a.m.
Silver and Gold Awards	11.00 a.m. — 12.00 noon

Snooker

The Wigan Snooker Club Junior Latics Snooker Championship is being held on Monday 18th October — 1st Round. Wednesday 20th October — 2nd, 3rd and 4th Round. Sunday 24th October — Semi Final and Final.

Entry is limited to 64 and the age group is 12 to 16 year olds. If you are interested please let us know as soon as possible as those 64 places are getting less all the time.

By the way, if you get past the 1st round you are sure of a medal. I reckon if you can win a game on a full size table you deserve one. All medals will be presented by a snooker star on Finals Day at Wigan Snooker Club.

Matchday Mascot

Tonight's Mascot is 14 years old Gerard Dugdill who attends St. John Fisher School. His hobbies are reading, football, cricket and chess. Gerard's favourite player is Peter Houghton.

Enjoy yourself Gerard.

John Fillingham, Chairman.



JUNIOR LATICS



Half Time Gossip

Macclesfield are certainly doing well in the Northern Premier League and much of the credit must go to ex. Latics' star John Brown. In a recent report, manager Brian Booth said of him "He's the best 'keeper in the Northern Premier League without a doubt. He's an organiser who talks to defenders and he's got us settled down at the back. He's made a tremendous difference".

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Freddie Pye's notes in the Brentford programme pointed out that, by playing Wigan Athletic, the London team had played all the other ninety-one clubs in the League. This piece of information was provided by a Brentford supporter living in Manchester, a Mr. Bob Burrows of Fallowfield. Imagine, then, Mr. Pye's horror when the Brentford Chairman stated in the Board Room that this was not in fact the case, as they had kept missing Hereford as the two teams wandered between the Second and Fourth Divisions. Red faces all round! But wait — a check through the statistics shows that the two teams did in fact play each other in the Third Division in the 1973/74 season. Well done, Messrs. Pye and Burrows.

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The U.E.F.A. Under 21 Final, First Leg involving England v. West Germany is being

staged at Sheffield United's ground, Bramall Lane.

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The Football League is thinking about launching its own pools competition, it will not be based on soccer, but on horse racing.

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Latics have drawn Chorley or Chadderton in the second qualifying round of the F.A. Youth Cup.

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Rugby League does not seem to have caught on at Carlisle F.C. as well as was hoped. Whilst gate receipts last season covered wages, they did not cover the £130,000 spent on buying players.

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Terry Cooper, Manager of Bristol City, watched Crewe Alexandra have five goals scored against them by Darlington a week last Friday. As his team were due to meet "Alex" the next mid-week, he was in high spirits after Crewe's defeat and was heard to say, "No problem next week, Crewe shouldn't even be in the League". What happened when he brought his Bristol outfit to Gresty Road the next week? They were thrashed 4-1 with ex. Latics player Clive Evans scoring two goals for his new club.

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PERSONAL COLUMN

Happy Birthday Jimmy Weston — We made a mistake in last week's programme, thinking that your birthday was on Thursday, 9th September, '82. It is in fact on Thursday, 16th September, '82. So, Jimmy, please read last week's programme — and Happy Birthday.

Good luck to the Lads and thanks for last Tuesday night — one of the greatest come-backs in the history of Springfield Park — only Harry Lyon could beat it.
George Mayes, Skelmersdale.

Welcome home Edwin Woodcock, back from the U.S.A. for a visit. Thanks for all your support.

From the Directors, Players and Staff at Springfield Park.

Congratulations to John Butler for scoring his first ever League goal of his career. I'll bet it's the first of hundreds. We think you're lovely.

J. & C., Worsley Mesnes.

Good luck to Larry Lloyd and all the Wigan Athletic players for this season. From John Sharples and Peter Hackett

Congratulations to Ian and Becky King on the birth of your baby daughter — only two weeks overdue. From Colin, Monica, J.R., Jytte, Deryk, Joyce and everybody in the Railway Inn.

DON'T FORGET This is a free service for Latics supporters. All messages should be handed in, or 'phoned through to the Club by the Monday morning before Saturday, and the Friday morning before mid-week games. Please make your messages as short as possible.

CLARKS TRAVEL WISH TO APOLOGISE FOR THE INCONVENIENCE CAUSED BY THE LATE CANCELLATION OF THE FOOTBALL SPECIAL TO CARDIFF. THIS WAS CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF SUPPORT. IT IS HOPED THERE WILL BE A TRAIN TO BRISTOL ON THE 16th OCTOBER. FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN DUE COURSE.

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It's there — and Eamon O'Keefe's twice taken penalty puts Wigan 2-1 up against Brentford. Photograph by C.J. Higgins



It's there again. Paul Lodge gives Paddy Roche no chance as he makes it 3-1 with his well struck spot-kick. Photograph by C.J. Higgins



In it goes. Peter Houghton equalises for Latics against Brentford with a fine header. Photograph by C.J. Higgins.



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Player Profile

JOHN BUTLER



EVERY year a great number of people apply or are recommended to League Clubs for a trial and the vast majority of them depart as quickly as they arrive. But not John Butler. He was recommended to the Latics by his club, Prescot Cables of the Northern Counties League and, always keen to keep good relations with non-League clubs, Larry Lloyd reluctantly agreed to give him a week's trial.

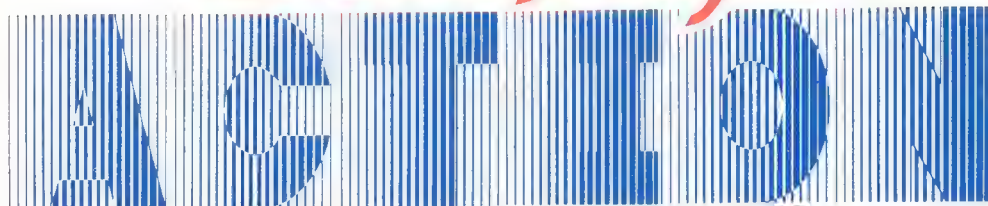
He arrived one cold morning last January when the snow and ice covered Springfield Park, a quiet 19 year old obviously overawed by it all. He was supposed to be here for a week, after which Larry and assistants Chris Lawler and Harry McNally would decide if he had any chance. He trained for half an hour and a message was rapidly passed to the Secretary — "Get a contract ready. This boy's a natural".

What impressed the Latics management was the lad's control, his ability to kick with both feet and his tremendous speed. As Harry McNally explains, "John has all the makings of a great player, not just because of his skill, but also because of his bravery. He's prepared to put his foot where others might be afraid of having it chopped off!"

A good spell in the Reserves saw John's fitness improve and his skills develop to such an extent that by the end of the season he was "thirteenth man", that rather frustrated player that travels with the team but never gets changed, the old fashioned first reserve. That was last season. This year it's been different. The amiable Liverpool lad who lives for football came out of the stand and onto the sub's-bench. And then last week against Bradford City he got his chance — with Les Bradd injured, John was given the number nine shirt and, in typical fairy-tale fashion, he scored a goal on his debut. "Great", was his response to that most inadequate of questions, "How did you feel when you scored?" And great he must have felt because that goal was the start of a Latic's fight back which will remain in the memories of all those lucky enough to see it for a long time.

John Butler is an example of all youngsters who, for various reasons, failed to get spotted for their town's schoolboy side but who plod on, working hard at their game and always giving 100%, hoping that one day someone will think they are good enough for the big time. For John that day has arrived.

Central League



CENTRAL LEAGUE TEAM FIXTURES 1982-83

Sat. Aug. 28	Burnley	Won 3-0	H
Wed. Sept. 15	Barnsley		A
Tues. Sept. 21	Chesterfield		A
Tues. Sept. 28	Bradford City		H
Tues. Oct. 12	Oldham Athletic		A
Tues. Nov. 2	Burnley		A
Tues. Nov. 9	Derby County		H
Tues. Nov. 16	Rotherham United		H
Wed. Nov. 24	Nottingham Forest		A
Tues. Nov. 30	Bolton Wanderers		
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Wed. Dec. 8	Port Vale		A
Tues. Dec. 14	Barnsley		H
Tues. Dec. 21	Middlesborough		A
Wed. Jan. 12	Preston N.E.		A
Tues. Jan. 18	Notts. County		A
Tues. Jan. 25	Manchester City		H
Tues. Feb. 1	Sunderland		H
Tues. Feb. 8	Chesterfield		H
Tues. Feb. 15	Derby County		A
Tues. Feb. 22	Oldham Athletic		H
Tues. Mar. 1	Bradford City		A
Tues. Mar. 8	Notts. County		H
Tues. Mar. 15	Manchester City		A
Wed. Mar. 23	Sunderland		A
Tues. Mar. 29	Nottingham Forest		H
Tues. Apr. 5	Rotherham United		A
Tues. Apr. 12	Port Vale		H
Wed. Apr. 20	Bolton Wanderers		A
Tues. Apr. 26	Middlesborough		H
Tues. May 10	Preston N.E.		H

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FRIENDLY MATCH

Wigan Athletic Res. 3 - Preston N.E. Res. 3

Around 200 people took advantage of a sunny evening and free admission to watch the Reserves have a run out against fellow Central League members Preston North End. For the second time this season the Latics side contained ten teenagers with on-loan goalkeeper Martin New being the only "old man". Despite the score line, New had a good game and pulled off some excellent reflex saves, much in the manner of John Brown in his younger days. Latics as a whole

looked very sharp for most of the game with new signing Steve Walsh showing great potential, although at times letting his more experienced opponent pull one or two old tricks on him — Larry Lloyd will, no doubt, soon put him right on what to expect in the big-time. Good goals by Walsh, Lowe and Haw (penalty) made up for two penalty misses by Phil Williams and Kevin Langley, both of whom produced shots that would be more fitting at Central Park. All in all, it was a good performance, however, and we can look forward to some fine football in the Central League.

Supporters Club

SPOTLIGHT

We are taking the opportunity to thank Stuart Cooper, now departed for a new life in the United States, for all the tremendous work he did for the Latics Supporters' Club. Thanks for everything Stuart — hope you like the picture.

Best wishes from
All your friends at the Supporters' Club.



Chairman Freddie Pye and the players bid farewell to Stuart Cooper on the eve of his flight to America.

FACTS+FIGURES

Home fixtures in capitals.
Wigan scores first

Player scoring bold.
† Player substituted.

²Figure indicates no. of goals scored by player.
⁴In result column indicates opponents own goal.

DATE	FIXTURE	F	A	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1982																
Aug. 28	Lincoln City	A	1	2	3,196	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers
Aug. 30	Stockport (M.C. 1 1 leg)	A	1	1	3,418	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Langley	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers
Sept. 4	BRENTFORD	H	3	2	5,012	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers
Sept. 7	BRADFORD CITY	H	3	2	5,362	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Barrow	Butler	Houghton	Rogers
Sept. 11	Cardiff C.	A	2	3	3,850	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers
Sept. 14	STOCKPORT (M.C. 1 2 leg)	H														
Sept. 18	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H														
Sept. 25	Chesterfield	A														
Sept. 28	Doncaster Rovers	A														
Oct. 2	PLYMOUTH A.	H														
Oct. 9	SOUTHEND U.	H														
Oct. 16	Bristol R.	A														
Oct. 19	PORTSMOUTH	H														
Oct. 23	Reading	A														
Oct. 30	NEWPORT C.	H														
Nov. 3	Exeter City	A														
Nov. 6	Orient	A														
Nov. 13	MILLWALL	H														
Nov. 20	(F.A. Cup 1st Round)															
Nov. 27	Gillingham	A														
Dec. 4	SHEFFIELD U.	H														
Dec. 11	(F.A. Cup 2nd Round)															
Dec. 18	OXFORD UNITED	H														
Dec. 27	Wrexham	H														
Dec. 29	WALSALL	H														
1983																
Jan. 1	Preston NE	A														
Jan. 3	HUDDERSFIELD T	H														
Jan. 8	Brentford	A														
Jan. 15	LINCOLN CITY	A														
Jan. 22	Bradford City	H														
Jan. 29	DONCASTER R	H														

THIRD DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE

as at Sunday, September 12th, 1982.

	Home						Away						Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	
Oxford United	4	2	0	0	5	0	2	0	0	3	1	12	
Portsmouth	4	2	0	0	7	1	1	1	0	4	1	10	
Lincoln City	4	2	0	0	6	1	1	0	1	1	2	9	
Bradford City	4	2	0	0	7	4	1	0	1	3	3	9	
Brentford	4	2	0	0	9	3	0	1	1	3	4	7	
Plymouth Argyle	4	2	0	0	3	0	0	1	1	4	5	7	
Sheffield United	4	2	0	0	4	1	0	1	1	1	4	7	
Bristol Rovers	4	2	0	0	4	1	0	1	1	1	5	7	
Orient	4	1	0	1	4	1	1	0	1	2	3	6	
Southend United	4	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	2	5	6	
WIGAN ATHLETIC	4	2	0	0	6	4	0	0	2	3	5	6	
Cardiff City	4	1	0	1	4	4	1	0	1	4	4	6	
Newport County	4	1	1	0	3	2	0	1	1	2	4	5	
Doncaster Rovers	4	1	1	0	6	1	0	0	2	0	5	4	
Gillingham	4	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	3	4	4	
A.F.C. Bournemouth	4	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	4	4	
Wrexham	4	0	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	2	4	4	
Reading	4	1	1	0	4	3	0	0	2	2	7	4	
Walsall	4	1	0	1	2	4	0	1	1	2	5	4	
Preston North End	4	1	0	1	4	4	0	0	2	2	4	3	
Huddersfield Town	4	0	2	0	3	3	0	1	1	1	3	3	
Millwall	4	1	0	1	2	4	0	0	2	2	4	3	
Exeter City	4	0	2	0	3	3	0	1	1	2	7	3	
Chesterfield	4	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	3	1	

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Comments from the Chair



GOOD evening, and an extra special welcome to Stockport County and their very likeable Chairman, Mr. Alan Kirke. It is never a good game for me when we play Stockport — I was born and bred in that town and spent five good years with the club as Joint Chairman.

Whilst I cannot hope that they have any luck tonight, I wish them well in the future and trust that they will get over their financial problems. I am especially pleased to see Eric Webster being given a chance as Manager after his years of service to the club. He has been a personal friend of mine for nearly thirty years and I enjoyed a fair amount of my career as a professional playing alongside him. After tonight, I wish him well.

I thought that our fighting spirit in last Tuesday's match against Bradford City was tremendous. The refusal to admit defeat until the final whistle goes not only shows great strength of character, it also makes games very exciting for the spectators. Saturday's result at Cardiff was very disappointing, however, and I felt that we should have

come away with a point. For a team that was in the Second Division last season, I thought the Welsh side were very poor and that they were very lucky to win. I made the point after the Bradford City game that you have to celebrate scoring the winner just before the end because when you lose in the same circumstances it is very hard to take. Saturday proved that, let us hope that it is the last time we suffer like that this season.

Finally, I would like to say well done to everybody connected with Junior Latrics for getting their new season off to a fine start. Their successful meetings are now being matched by the tremendous performances of their two teams in the local junior leagues. I am sure we are all very proud of them and look forward to their having some trophies to show off at the end of the season.

Freddie Pye

Freddie Pye, Chairman.



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ATHLETIC**
(Royal Blue & White Stripe)

- 1 Roy Tunks
- 2 John McMahon
- 3 Jimmy Weston
- 4 Eamon O'Keefe
- 5 Alex Cribble
- 6 Colin Methven
- 7 Kevin Langley
- 8 Graham Barrow
- 9 Peter Houghton
- 10 John Rogers
- 11 John Butler
- 12 Phil Williams

TEAM CHECK

OFFICIALS

Referee:
MR. F. ROBERTS
(Prestatyn)

Started refereeing in Stockport in 1970. On moving to Wales in 1974 progressed to the Welsh League and Cheshire League to the Football League. Refereed North Wales Juniors v. Scotland Juniors — 1977, in 1979 officiated the Wales Youth v. Northern Ireland Youth game, lined European Cup matches in both 1980 and 1981.

A married man, with two children, he is headmaster of a primary school and his interests include squash, athletics, home wine making and gardening. He is a F.I.F.A. referee and a qualified Referees' Instructor with the Welsh F.A.

Linesmen:

Red Flag
Mr. P. Hindle
(Blackburn)

Yellow Flag
Mr. A.R. Morton
(Thornton, Cleveleys)

FOR YOUR RECORDS

H.T. SCORE:

F.T. SCORE:

ATTENDANCE:

SCORERS

LATICS:

VISITORS:



**STOCKPORT
COUNTY**
(Yellow/Green)

- 1 Brian Lloyd
- 2 John Rutter
- 3 Steve Sherlock
- 4 Dean Emerson
- 5 Paul Bowles
- 6 Nigel Smith
- 7 Andy Thorpe
- 8 Oshor Williams
- 9 Trevor Phillips
- 10 Mike Quinn
- 11 Terry Park
- 12 Mike Wardrobe

"HERE NEXT"

Saturday, 18th September, 1982
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.
WIGAN ATHLETIC v. STOCKPORT COUNTY
FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE